

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 8, 9, 15 and 16 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, and 17-19 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment amends and cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending and canceling the claims as set forth above, claims 1-7, 10-14 and 17-20 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1, 10 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,470,453 to Vilhuber; and claims 2-9, 11-16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vilhuber. These rejections are traversed with respect to the presently pending claims, for at least the reasons given below.

According to the present invention, a user may select one of first and second communication modes and establish connection with an external device based upon the selected communication mode, whereby identification information for identifying an external device is individually stored in a memory for the respective first and second communication modes. In more detail, independent claim 1 recites:

means for setting the communication device in either one of a first communication mode or a second communication mode for receiving data transmitted from an external device;

a memory which stores first identification information and second identification information for identifying the external device having been previously connected to the communication device;

an operation switch;

means for transmitting a connection request to the external device designated by the first identification information when the communication device is in the first communication mode;

means for transmitting a connection request to the external device designated by the second identification information when the communication device is in the second communication mode;

means for establishing connection with the external device designated by either one of the first identification information or the second identification information stored in said memory in response to the operation of said operation switch; and

means for receiving data transmitted from the external device with which the connection is established by the establishing means via the communication device.

Such features as recited in presently pending independent claim 1 are not disclosed, taught or suggested by Vilhuber. In more detail, Vilhuber is directed to authenticating multiple connections to a network server, whereby a client establishes a first connection and a second connection to the server, and whereby the server associates the first connection with the second connection and the client. There is no disclosure, teaching or suggestion in Vilhuber of a means for setting a communication device in either a first communication mode or a second communication mode for receiving data transmitted from an external device, nor is there any disclosure, teaching or suggestion in Vilhuber of the two transmitting means for respectively transmitting a connection request to the external device when the communication device is in a first or second communication mode, respectively.

Presently pending independent claims 10 and 17 recite similar features to those discussed above with respect to presently pending independent claim 1, whereby those claims are also not disclosed, taught or suggested by Vilhuber.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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